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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Civil Supplies Department has entered into a contract with the Chittavalasa and Nellimarla Jute Mills, Vizagapatam, who had undertaken to supply 9,200 bales of new gunnies of 37 inches by 24 inches size, each bale containing 400 gunnies. The prices of these gunnies are as follows :—

Quantity.		Price.
4,600 bales	..	**Rs. 74–15–2 per 100 gunnies (February—March delivery).**
4,600 bales	..	**Rs. 73–5–8 per 100 gunnies (April—May delivery).**

In order to supplement the stocks of new gunnies the Government sanctioned a scheme for the recovery of second-hand gunnies which might be used again in the distribution of foodgrains. Under this scheme the Civil Supplies Department recovered from the retailers and major establishments in Madras City about 27,000 used gunnies. This scheme has since been wound up.

" (*c*) Tenders for the supply of gunnies have not been called for by the Civil Supplies Department so far. As regards the contract for the purchase of new gunnies referred to in the answer to clause (*b*) the Civil Supplies Department entered into a direct contract with the mills in question as they were the biggest producers of gunnies in the Province and as the terms offered by them were reasonable.

" (*d*) The Civil Supplies Department did not place any order with any firm in Vizagapatam for the supply of gunnies other than the contract mentioned in the answer to clause (*b*).

" (*e*) The answer to this clause has already been furnished in the reply to clause (*c*)."

Number of people jailed for prohibition offences.

* 101 *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of people jailed for prohibition offences ; and

(*b*) their daily avocations and trades and the percentage of ryots and agricultural labourers among them?

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The information required by the hon. Member is laid on the table of the House."[a]

Housing Societies.

* 102 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Housing Societies have been established;

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 563 infra.